

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-10, 22, 27, and 58. Please amend claims 1 and 28 as follows, and add new claims 62-69.

1. (currently amended) A composite material for a garment comprising
 - (a) a water-resistant, water-vapour-permeable, flexible porous membrane substrate having a first and second side;
 - (b) a fabric secured to said first side of the substrate; and
 - (c) a plurality of discrete abrasion-resisting polymeric dots forming a discontinuous lining-forming pattern ~~over~~ on the surface of said second side of the substrate and which dots resist abrasion of the flexible substrate, the polymer having an elastic modulus greater than about 800 psi; each dot having a height in the range of 10 to 20 microns; and the abrasion resistance of the composite material being at least 4.0 times the abrasion resistance of the flexible substrate alone.
2. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the dots have a substantially smooth, non-angular profile.
3. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 2, in which each of the dots has a cross-section in the plane of the substrate which is substantially circular and a cross-section which is substantially part-spherical in a plane normal to the substrate.
4. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the maximum dimension of the cross-section in the plane of the substrate is less than 5000 microns.
5. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 4, in which said maximum dimension is from 100 to 1000 microns.
6. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 5, in which said maximum dimension is from 200-800 microns.
7. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 6, in which said maximum dimension is from 400-600 microns.

8-10 (cancelled)

11. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the centre of each dot is spaced from the centre of an adjacent dot by 200 to 2000 microns.
12. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 11, in which the centre of each dot is spaced from the centre of an adjacent dot by 300 to 1500 microns.
13. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 12, in which the centre of each dot is spaced from the centre of an adjacent dot by 400 to 900 microns.
14. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the ratio of the distance between centres of adjacent dots, the maximum dimension of each dot and the height of each dot is within the range of about 7.5:5:1 to about 15:10:1.
15. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the percentage coverage of the surface of the substrate by the dots is 20 to 80%.
16. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 15, in which the percentage coverage of the surface of the substrate by the dots is 30 to 70%.
17. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 16, in which the percentage coverage of the surface of the substrate by the dots is 40 to 60%.
18. (cancelled)
19. (previously presented) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the porous membrane is expanded polytetrafluoroethylene.
20. (previously presented) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the substrate comprises the porous membrane and a coating of a water-vapour-permeable hydrophilic polymer and to which coating the dots are secured.
21. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 20, in which the hydrophilic polymer is a polyurethane or polyester.

22. (canceled)
23. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 21, in which the dot-forming polyurethane is water-vapour-permeable.
24. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the material was a water resistance of greater than 0.1 kg/cm.
25. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the material has a water-vapour-permeability in excess of 1500 g/m²/day.
26. (original) A composite material as claimed in claim 1, in which the dots are applied in the form of a plurality of rosettes.
27. (canceled)
28. (currently amended) A garment formed of a composite material comprising
- (a) a water-resistant, water-vapour-permeable, flexible porous membrane substrate having a first and second side;
 - (b) a fabric secured to said first side of the substrate; and
 - (c) a plurality of discrete abrasion-resisting polymeric dots forming a discontinuous lining-forming pattern over on the surface of said second side of the substrate and which dots resist abrasion of the flexible substrate, the polymer having an elastic modulus of greater than about 800 psi; each dot having a height in the range of 10 to 20 microns; and the abrasion resistance of the composite material being at least 4.0 times the abrasion resistance of the flexible substrate alone.
29. (original) A garment as claimed in claim 28, in which the abrasion-resisting polymeric dots form the innermost component of the garment to form a lining.
- 30-58 (cancelled)
59. (previously presented) A composite material as claimed in claim 58, in which the abrasion resistance of the composite material is at least 10 times the abrasion resistance of the flexible substrate alone.

60. (previously presented) A garment as claimed in claim 29, wherein the garment further contains stitched seams.
61. (previously presented) A garment as claimed in claim 60, wherein the stitched seams are sealed to prevent liquid water from entering through the stitched seams by applying a tape over the stitched seams.
62. (new) A composite material for a garment comprising:
- (a) a porous, expanded polytetrafluoroethylene membrane substrate having a first side and second side;
 - (b) a fabric secured to said first side of the substrate; and
 - (c) a plurality of discrete abrasion-resisting polymeric dots forming a discontinuous lining-forming pattern on the surface of said second side of the substrate and which dots resist abrasion of the substrate and wherein the polymer has an elastic modulus of greater than about 800 psi.
63. (new) The composite material as claimed in claim 62, wherein each of the dots has a height in the range of from about 10 to 20 microns.
64. new) The composite material as claimed in claim 62, wherein the abrasion resistance of the composite material is at least 4.0 times the abrasion resistance of the substrate alone.
65. (new) The composite material as claimed in claim 62, wherein the percentage coverage of the surface of the substrate by the dots is 20 to 80%.
66. (new) The composite material as claimed in claim 65, wherein the percentage coverage of the surface of the substrate by the dots is 30 to 70%.
67. (new) The composite material as claimed in claim 66, wherein the percentage coverage of the surface of the substrate by the dots is 40 to 60%.
68. (new) The composite material as claimed in claim 62, wherein a coating of a water-vapor-permeable hydrophilic polymer is provided to the substrate.
69. (new) The composite material as claimed in claim 68, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is a polyurethane or polyester.